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NAME OF SUBJECT OR SOURCE OF INFORMATION

DATE SUBMITTED

GREIL, Lothar - Alleged Upper Austrian
Contact for German "Stosstrupp" Organization

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The following information was obtained from Informant 6030 on
30 October 1952.

SUBJECT, formerly a resident of Grunden, Upper Austria, and now employed by the "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" newspaper in Munich, Germany, is allegedly acting as a liaison man between the German "Stosstrupp" (Shock Troop organization) and elements in Upper Austria. This organization, which is reputed to be supported by high level American elements, was founded in the Spring of 1951, ostensibly as a bulwark against Communism, by Herbert Kerner, leader of the "Anti-Communist Union", and retired German Army Major Hans Georg Fernal, leader of the Erlangen, Germany "Heimatschutz" (home guard). The "Stosstrupp" and "Heimatschutz" were allegedly closely connected with the BdJ (Bund deutscher Jugend - League of German Youth), an organization presently held in official disrepute in Germany for expressing neo-Nazi sentiments and allegedly training its members to employ guerrilla tactics.

A strong "Stosstrupp" group, composed of former members of the SS, SA, German Army re-enactors, and the Nazi Party, is allegedly centered in Munich. SUBJECT is alleged to be utilizing his position in the newspaper as a cover for his activities with this organization. Although SOURCE averred that Erich Kerner, a prominent member of the "Grunden Circle", is a personal friend of Fernal, he was unable to determine the extent of Kerner's ties with the German shock organization.

AGENT'S NOTE: The "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" is published in English under the title "The Vermin".

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The name files of Sub-Detachment "B", 450th CIC, were examined on 18 November 1952 and found to contain the following information on the personalities mentioned in this report:

There are numerous references to Erich Kernmayer and SUBJECT as members of the "Gmunden Circle".

A/R S/9424, dated 27 February 1951, Der Kreis (The Circle) - Anti-Communist Publication - The owner, publisher and editor of Subject publication is listed as GREIL, Lothar, Altmuenster 14, Land Upper Austria. (Non Eval)

A/R L/26666, dated 4 August 1952. (Eval: C-F-6). Subject: Greil, Lothar Submit Political Information to German Newspaper, lists GREIL as in the staff of the "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" in Munich

CA 5848, dated 10 April 1946, Lothar KERNMAYER, GREIL, 14 February 1946 Vienna automatic arrest. SUBJECT was SS Untersturmführer in the War. On 16 May 1946 he was recommended to be released because of his poor condition due to head wounds suffered during the war, also a heart and malaria. (Non Eval)

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